

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Patent Office for the careful attention accorded this Application and respectfully request reconsideration in view of the Amendment above and remarks set forth below.

In response to the Office Action mailed August 13, 2008, Applicants have amended Claims 31, 32, 40, 42, 45, 46 and 50, 54-56 order to avoid any basis for rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, and have cancelled Claims 33, 39, 41, 44, 47, 53, 55 and 58 without prejudice or disclaimer, reserving the right to file continuation applications on these claims.

Applicants will submit shortly a Terminal Disclaimer to avoid any double-patenting rejection in view of Applicant's copending U.S. Application Nos. 10/602,990 and 10/693,856.

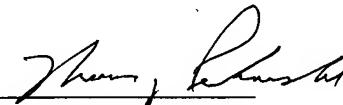
In view therefore, of the Amendment and Remarks set forth above, Applicants firmly believe that the present invention defined by pending Claims 31-38, 40-43, 45-52, and 54-57 is firmly believed to be neither anticipated by, nor rendered obvious in view of the prior art of record, and that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

Favorable action is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiencies to Deposit Account 16-1340. Applicant still qualifies as a small entity for the purpose of paying reduced fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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